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SUBJECT: 32ND UNGA; SECOND COMMITTEE: HABITAT (ITEM 12)

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1. SUMMARY: INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS BEGAN ON HABITAT
DRAFT RESOLUTION. ALMOST ALL DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED DESIRE
TO RESOLVE ISSUE AT THIS UNGA. PREPONDERANCE BELIEVE
ONLY WAY TO DO SO IS WITH GENEVA COMPROMISE TEXT
AND POSSIBLE MINOR AMENDMENTS. USUN SUGGESTS THAT
DEPARTMENT CONSIDER AUTHORIZING US DEL TO PUBLICLY
SUPPORT GENEVA COMPROMISE. END SUMMARY.

2. AS DEPARTMENT, AWARE, DRAFT RESOLUTION ENTITLED
"INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS" WAS TABLED IN SECOND
COMMITTEE, CO-SPONSORED BY AUSTRALIA, CANADA, ETHIOPIA,
KENYA, PHILIPPINES AND SWEDEN (SEE A/C.2/32/L.41)
ON THIS BASIS INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS BEGAN NOVEMBER 17
UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECOND COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN
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TUKAN. (JORDAN) INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WILL RECONVENE
SOME TIME DURING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21.

3. TUKAN SUMMARIZED DISCUSSION WITH FOLLOWING THREE
POINTS: 1) THERE IS STRONG DESIRE ON THE PART OF
DELEGATIONS TO REACH A DECISION THIS SESSION (20 OF 22
SPEAKERS HELD THIS VIEW); 2) TO THE DEGREE FEASIBLE,
CONSENSUS SHOULD BE SOUGHT ; 3) A/C.2/32/L.41 (GENEVA

COMPROMISE) DOES NOT REPRESENT THE PREFERRED POSITION OF ANY DELEGATION BUT WAS A CAREFULLY BALANCED TEXT TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION A WIDE RANGE OF VIEWS. AS SUCH HE DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WAS MUCH ROOM FOR NEGOTIATION.

4. GENEVA COMPROMISE. THE FOLLOWING FOURTEEN COUNTRIES EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR IT: CANADA, SWEDEN, KENYA, AUSTRALIA, PORTUGAL, JORDAN, UK, FRG, NEW ZEALAND, SRI LANKA, UGANDA, PHILIPPINES, TANZANIA AND THE NETHERLANDS. MANY STATED THAT THE COMPROMISE DID NOT REFLECT THEIR ORIGINAL OR EVEN CURRENT PREFERRED POSITIONS BUT WOULD SUPPORT IT BECAUSE THEY RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR A SOLUTION NOW. UK AND FRG STATED THAT THE GENEVA COMPROMISE APPEARED TO BE THE ONLY BASIS FOR SOLUTION, WITH MINOR AMENDMENTS. (UK SAID THAT SHOULD, HOWEVER, A REAL EFFORT BE MADE TO EXTENSIVELY MODIFY THE TEXT, THEY WERE PREPARED TO PRESENT MAJOR AMENDMENTS.) JAPAN IDENTIFIED ITSELF WITH UK POSITION BUT WAS UNCONVINCED THAT PERMANENT DECISION REQUIRED NOW. PHILIPPINES POINTED OUT THAT THEY WERE THE DELEGATION AT THE HABITAT CONFERENCE THAT PROPOSED THE UNEP SOLUTION, BUT HAVE FELT THAT GOVERNMENTS HAVE MOVED TO THE GENEVA COMPROMISE AND THEY HAD THEREFORE DECIDED TO BECOME AN ACTIVE CO-SPONSOR OF IT. (PHILIPPINE DEL REQUESTED ITALY SEEK NEW INSTRUCTIONS IN LIGHT OF PRE-CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATIONS IN FAVOR OF L.41). UGANDA AND TANZANIA BOTH COMMENTED THAT THEY COULD SUPPORT THE GENEVA COMPROMISE BUT WOULD HAVE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES WITH THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH THEY FELT WAS A STEP BACKWARD.

5. ITALIAN UNEP SOLUTION - FOUR OTHER DELS (FRANCE, BELGIUM, MEXICO, YUGOSLAVIA) SUPPORTED THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL IN VARYING DEGREES. ITALY PROVIDED PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO L.41 (DATAFAXED DEPARTMENT) WHICH WOULD MODIFY RESOLUTION TO CONFORM TO AN ALL-UNEP SOLUTION. YUGOSLAVIA INDICATED THEY SUPPORTED ITALIAN PROPOSAL INsofar AS IT MADE THE UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY FOR THE HUMAN SETTLEMENT SECRETARIAT. YUGOSLAVIA DID NOT, HOWEVER, WANT TO TAMPER WITH THE SECRETARIAT ARRANGEMENTS, OR OTHER ASPECTS OF THE GENEVA COMPROMISE. FRANCE AND BELGIUM SUPPORTED THE YUGOSLAVIAN CONCEPT, INDICATING THAT THE FINAL SOLUTION PROBABLY LAY BETWEEN THE GENEVA COMPROMISE AND THE ALL -UNEP SOLUTION. MEXICO MERELY INDICATED THAT THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL HAD SOME INTERESTING ELEMENTS TO IT. (MEXICO FURTHER RESERVED ITS POSITION ON THE GENEVA COMPROMISE PARAGRAPH 14, WHICH DEALS WITH THE LOCATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT.)

6. SOVIET POSITION-THE SOVIETS TOOK FIRM POSITION AGAINST BOTH THE GENEVA COMPROMISE AND UNEP SOLUTION, INDICATING THEY WERE AGAINST ANY PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD

RESULT IN FINANCIAL INCREASES, BOTH AT THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL OR SECRETARIAT LEVEL. (WHETHER SOVIETS WILL BE PREPARED TO JOIN CONSENSUS AT A LATER STAGE IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE AT THIS POINT).

7. U.S. DEL MADE A STATEMENT WHICH INDICATED WE HAD THREE INTERESTS: 1) WE DID NOT WANT THE ISSUE TO REMAIN UNRESOLVED; 2) WE WANTED TO SEE A PRACTICAL WORKABLE, SOLUTION; AND, 3) WE WISHED TO AVOID PROLIFERATION OF NEW UN BODIES. TAKING THESE CONCERNS INTO ACCOUNT US HOPED A BROAD CONSENSUS COULD BE ACHIEVED, WHETHER IT BE THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL WHICH UTILIZED EXISTING MACHINERY, OTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE GENEVA COMPROMISE, OR THE GENEVA COMPROMISE ITSELF.

8. RECOMMENDATION: GIVEN OTHER DELEGATION PREFERENCES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USUN DOES NOT BELIEVE PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR ITALIAN PROPOSAL TO OBTAIN CONSENSUS SUPPORT. IN LIGHT OR FOREGOING, WE SUGGEST DEPARMENT REVIEW OUR POSITION AND CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF THE US PUBLICLY SUPPLRTING THE GENEVA COMPROMISE, WHICH HAS GREATEST LIKELIHOOD OF BRAOD BASED SUPPORT.
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